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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

MARTINEZ et al.

Application No.: 10/808,736

Filed: 3/18/2004

For: SYSTEMS & METHODS FOR
AUTOMATING ASPHALT MIX
DESIGN

Examiner: Davis, Octavia L.

Art Unit: 3037

RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

The Office Action mailed June 10, 2005 rejected claims 1-3 and 6-9 under Section 102(e) as anticipated by Cox (2002/0191481). The Office Action also rejected claims 4-5 and 10-20 under Section 103(a) as unpatentable over Cox and Bahia et al.

The Section 102 Rejection

Claims 1-3 and 6-9 under Section 102(e) as anticipated by Cox. Cox relates to a portable asphalt mixing plant with a control system that adjusts the rate at which crumb rubber is added to oil so as to maintain a constant oil/rubber ratio in a mixer. The blending control process has a CPU to control the rate at which asphalt is pumped into a